



Corporation for
**NATIONAL &
COMMUNITY
SERVICE**

Arizona Serve of Prescott College
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Prescott College – Arizona Serve, VISTA

2012-2013

Yavapai County and Tucson, Arizona

Legislative Districts: 01 and 10

PROGRAM FAST FACTS

Congressional District(s): 04 and 02
State Legislative District(s): 01 and 10
Service Area by County/City: Yavapai County and Tucson, AZ
Project Federal Share: \$377,587
Project Local Match: \$68,160
Community Volunteers Recruited: 6,505
Volunteer Hours Served: 77,190
Value of Volunteer Hours: \$1,549,975*
*2011 Independent Sector Rate for the Value of a Volunteer Hour in Arizona is \$20.08

Community Need

Poverty affects us all. In Arizona, 15% of people are living in poverty, including 24% of young children. Arizona Serve works to fight poverty through three main goal areas: Social Welfare, Community Development, and Civic Engagement.

National Priority Area and Program Performance Goals

VISTA Members with Arizona Serve generally serve to increase economic opportunity, ensure healthy futures and provide services for Veterans and military families, and increase nonprofit organizational capacity to serve those living in poverty.

National Priority Area: Veterans and Military Families

- 2,000 Veteran and military family members will receive services

National Priority Area: Education

- Provide shelter, basic needs, and support in education to over 6,000 youth

National Priority Area: Capacity Building

- 5,000 volunteers will contribute more than 40,000 hours of service

Program Activities

Bringing people together is the best way to solve problems and overcome challenges. Arizona Serve recruits AmeriCorps VISTA members to work with a variety of community non-profits and government entities. Along with their own commitment to service, these AmeriCorps VISTAs engage members of the community to serve alongside them.

Program Impact

From 2012-2013, Arizona Serve VISTA members raised \$3,394,052 in cash and in-kind donations to support their host organizations. These funds support the more than 120 new services/ programs developed by members in order to provide services to people living in poverty in our communities.

Arizona Serve Impact 2012-2013:

Youth Receiving Services: 12,839
Veterans and Military Families Receiving Services: 2,545
New Critical Needs Services/Programs Developed: 124
Number of New Business Systems and Processes: 257



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Mission

Arizona Serve's mission is to help build and sustain the efforts of service providers and community members to continually improve quality of life. We do this by running a best practice national service project that connects passionate people with opportunities to make a difference.

Vision

Our communities are safer, healthier and more prosperous when we know each other, help each other and work with each other. We believe healthy, compassionate, engaged and vibrant communities are able to meet their own needs and create their own visions for a sustainable and just future.

History

Arizona Serve was created in 2006 when several Yavapai County service providers saw a need to build collaboration among AmeriCorps VISTA members and their projects. Since that time over 170 VISTA members, placed with over 60 nonprofits, have served our Arizona communities through the program. Today, Arizona Serve is housed in Prescott College and currently places 26 AmeriCorps VISTA members in 20+ organizations and projects across Arizona.

Arizona Serve has also worked as a mentor to other National Service Projects, and seeks to bring its collaborative model of service to regions across Arizona. In 2012, Arizona created a regional office in Tucson, AZ to better serve the southern regions of the state.

Partnerships

Our important work is accomplished in collaboration with over 30 nonprofit and community groups. Some of those partners in 2012-2013 include:

- City of Prescott
- Mayor Rothschild's Office Tucson, AZ
- United Way of Yavapai County
- United Way of Southern Arizona
- Red Cross of Southern Arizona
- Boys to Men, Inc.
- CASA for Kids, Inc.
- Humboldt and Prescott Unified School Districts
- Yavapai Reentry Program
- Yavapai College
- Prescott College
- First Things First of Arizona
- Prescott Area Shelter Services
- New Horizons Disability Advocacy Center
- Northland Cares
- Tucson Joint Technical Education District
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southern Arizona
- Strengths Building Partners
- Easter Seal Foundation
- Make Way for Books
- Southern Arizona Food Bank
- Ben's Bells



Prescott College MLK Day of Service 2012



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